

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SALUTING PARTICIPANTS IN DISASTER RELIEF PLAN IN EAST DEER, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to salute all the officers who took part in implementing a disaster relief plan on January 31, 2005 in East Deer. The members of the State Department of Environmental Protection, Coast Guard, Allegheny County hazardous materials experts, along with surrounding fire companies, police, mayors, and other elected officials in the East Deer area all responded in a way to prevent the disaster from spreading to surrounding communities.

At 5:30 a.m. on January 31, a Norfolk Southern train derailed, causing a car of anhydrous hydrogen fluoride to begin leaking. Fortunately, by 6 a.m., police and firefighters began evacuating homes. Bridges in the surrounding area were closed before the morning rush hour, further isolating the leaking car. Those members who responded to the call that morning exemplify the ideals of leadership and bravery.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring these brave offices. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute those citizens who prevented a dangerous situation from escalating into a disaster, and demonstrating public service and the meaning of bravery.

ONE OF THE GREAT FIGURES IN AMERICAN SKIING

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Virginia Cochran, known to generations of Vermont children as Ginny, who died last week at the age of 74.

In 1961 Ginny Cochran and husband, Mickey, created a ski slope in their backyard and opened it as Cochran's Ski Area. In its early years it was a training course for all four Cochran children, Marilyn, Bobby, Barbara Ann, and Lindy. As everyone in Vermont knows, all four proceeded to compete and win in the Olympics and on the World Cup, FIS, and U.S. national circuits.

While Mickey groomed, maintained and expanded the course, Ginny began an after-school skiing program, which taught generations of Vermont schoolchildren, and countless other families to ski. The 10,000 children who learned to ski at Cochran's all remember with deep fondness the kind, energetic, and passionate woman who taught them.

Ginny's method of teaching was revolutionary. She taught parents to teach their own children to ski. Of course, for every child who was frightened of going down the small instructional hill, for every child who needed help in learning to go up the Mighty Mite ski lift, Ginny was there with advice and support. She encouraged children to extend themselves, to compete not so much against others as with themselves, and to be more than they thought they could be. Every week of the ski season saw Lollipop races at Cochran's, where skiers as young as four and five years of age would compete against Olympic gold medalist Barbara Ann and her mother, Ginny, and World Cup winners Bobby and Marilyn and Lindy.

Today it is no surprise that skiers who learned to ski at Cochran's compete on the U.S. national team, including Ginny's grandson Jimmy, the U.S. National slalom and GS champion, and her granddaughter Jessica, with both silver and bronze in the National championships, have won collegiate championships, like grandson Roger Brown, slalom, and ski for major college ski teams such as Dartmouth, Middlebury and UVM.

More important than such successes, however, are the generations of young people who learned that hard work brings many rewards, including loving what you work at and a maturity which has been shaped by self-discipline as well as joy. Ginny Cochran and her husband, Mickey, knew the importance of combining hard work with pleasure, and taught it to their children and many others. Over the course of decades, with great commitment, Ginny not only taught children to ski, but to take their lives as seriously as she taught them to take skiing. It is a tribute to her as role model that her children, Barbara Ann and Lindy at Cochran's, and Marilyn at Hanover, NH, High School and the Quechee Ski Club, continue the legacy of their mother in teaching young people to ski, and through the lessons learned in skiing, they will reach a rich and fulfilling adulthood. Today, many of her former students are coaches and teachers of skiing.

I know that Cochran's Ski Area, with its Mighty Mite lift and its fast but clearly anachronistic rope tow, will never compete in vertical feet with our State's large ski areas. But Ginny Cochran's work in hewing a ski area out of a forested mountainside in Richmond, Vermont, is not an anachronism: Through the work and commitment and vision she put into it, it remains one of our great Vermont institutions. More importantly, the lives she touched and shaped are part of her enduring legacy to the State of Vermont.

IN HONOR OF MR. MANUEL SANTANA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Manuel Santana, a devoted member of

our community. Mr. Santana was born and raised in Los Angeles. Though he is a favorite local artist and restaurateur, Mr. Santana focused academically on education, psychology and sociology, receiving a degree from Los Angeles State College in 1950.

In 1952, Mr. Santana was recognized as a burgeoning young artist and offered a scholarship to Otis Art Institute. At the Institute, Mr. Santana studied painting and composition with such noteworthy artists as Martin Lubner, Morton Dimonstein and Arnold Mesches.

Since that time, Mr. Santana has been dedicated to the Santa Cruz community, a commitment that has lasted for over 40 years. Mr. Santana's community service includes founding the Martin Luther King Committee, receiving an award as a UCSC Fellow for Merrill College, directing numerous civic organizations, and serving several terms as President of the Cabrillo Music Festival. Mr. Santana's dedication to the arts and our community has enhanced our cultural and artistic intellect and we are most appreciative for his involvement.

In addition to Mr. Santana's dedication to the arts, his profound knowledge of delicious Mexican cuisine is legendary in the 17th District. Mr. Santana owned and operated two Mexican restaurants, both renowned for their menu and atmosphere. Manuel's Mexican Restaurant in Aptos is celebrating its 40th year of operation, a testament to its reputation as a local favorite. Also owned and operated by Mr. Santana is his beautiful and magical Jardines de San Juan located in historic San Juan Bautista.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Mr. Santana for his ceaseless support of the arts and community. It truly is an honor to speak on his behalf and I wish him and the Santana family all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID J. SALIE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, SFC David J. Salie, 34, of Columbus, Georgia, died on February 14, 2005, in Iraq. Sergeant Salie was assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Benning, Georgia, and according to initial reports died when his military vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. He is survived by his wife Deanna; his mother Patricia H. Miers of Phenix City, Alabama; his father Jim Salie of Box Springs, Georgia; and many other family members including his children.

David Salie was eager to serve his country, Mr. Speaker. He served almost 17 years in the Army, including combat tours in the Persian Gulf, Panama and Haiti, and like every other soldier he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

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